



Missouri December 1 Hog Inventory



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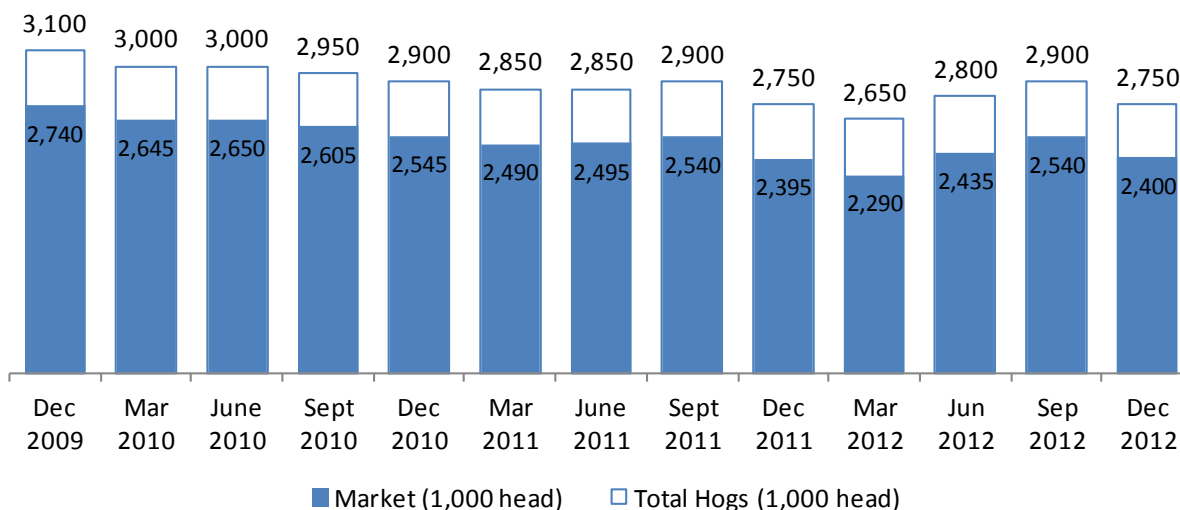
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Missouri Hog and Pig Inventory up from June

(COLUMBIA, Mo.) - The December 1, 2012 inventory of **Missouri hogs and pigs** is estimated at 2.75 million head according to the USDA's Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. This is a decrease of 150,000 from September, the first quarter that Missouri has seen a decrease in inventory after two quarters of inventory showing strong gains. Hog and pig numbers are equal to December 1, 2012, level. **Breeding hogs** are estimated at 350,000 head, down one percent from last year and **market hogs** are estimated at 2.40 million head slightly above last year.

Quarterly Missouri Hog Inventory



The **September–November pig crop** is estimated at 1.915 million head, a two percent decline from the same period last year and over last quarter's total estimated **pig crop**. **Farrowings**, at 185,000 sows, is unchanged from last quarter and from a year ago. **Pigs saved per litter** is at 10.35, versus 10.55 from the same quarter last year.

Missouri hog producers **intend to farrow** 185,000 sows during December–February, equal to the number of heads that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During March–May, hog producers expect to farrow 180,000 sows, 10,000 sows less than actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier.

Missouri December Inventory 2010-2012
Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, Inventory, and Pigs per Litter

	2010	2011	2012	Percent of Previous Year
Hogs & pigs kept for breeding	355,000	355,000	350,000	99
Hogs & pigs for market	2,545,000	2,395,000	2,400,000	100
<i>Under 50 pounds</i>	<i>1,065,000</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>	<i>1,065,000</i>	107
<i>50-119 pounds</i>	<i>605,000</i>	<i>540,000</i>	<i>540,000</i>	100
<i>120-179 pounds</i>	<i>410,000</i>	<i>415,000</i>	<i>370,000</i>	89
<i>180 pounds and over</i>	<i>465,000</i>	<i>440,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	97
Hogs and pigs total	2,900,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	100
Pig crop	1,800,000	1,952,000	1,915,000	98
Pigs per litter	10.00	10.55	10.35	98

United States Hog Inventory Down Slightly

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2012-February 2013 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, and up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for March-May 2013, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2012, but up slightly from 2011. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 45 percent last year.

A random sample of roughly 10,400 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of December 2012, data were collected from about 8,100 operations, 78 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of December 1, 2012.